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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cartography Division, OBGI

ATTENTION :

SUBJECT : IAS's Graphics Capability

1. This memorandum is the IAS contribution to your survey of graphics units in the Intelligence Directorate.

2. IAS has a small, active graphics capability in the Graphics Branch of our Production Support Staff. The branch has [redacted] analysis officer positions, including [redacted]

3. The purpose of the IAS Graphics Branch is to provide a broad range of graphical analysis services in the planning and production of report graphics, briefing aids, and other graphical presentations. We began developing this capability in 1964 in order to have a small, flexible shop under our own control which could respond quickly to IAS graphics needs in support of Agency requirements. This was done in part because we were not able to rely on getting this same kind of timely, flexible graphics support from NPIC, which does a large volume of work for a variety of different customers with competing priorities. Our relations with the NPIC graphics shop, nevertheless, are very good. We currently have a one-for-one exchange of graphics personnel in progress--in order for our man to gain specialized experience in a field, and for NPIC's to get experience in a wider variety of work.

4. Specific capabilities of the IAS graphics branch include the preparation of maps, overlays, line drawings, and engineering drawings; configuration analysis and perspective drawings using photographic interpretation equipment and technical mensuration data; design and production of briefing boards, vugraphs, photo mosaics and other briefing aids; preparation of type for captions and annotations on graphics; and the layout of reports in final form for publication. The branch supports the graphic needs of [redacted] photo interpreters and their managers. It is effective and busy, as you can well imagine in an office engaged in analyzing and presenting information from a graphic source.

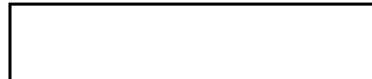
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5. As for improving graphics in the Agency, we believe that active communications and exchange of ideas among graphics shops on standards, quality, and new techniques would be of considerable benefit. Also, from our experience we think there is no effective substitute for a responsive, in-house graphics shop working hand-in-hand with the analysts and managers it supports.



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